

Once again, commercial interests have targeted the frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service to generate more revenue and profits. I cannot justify removing 2390-2400 MHz from the trusteeship of the Amateur Radio community. This spectrum represents a natural resource set aside for the development of new technologies as well as the delivery of emergency communications services by Amateur Radio operators.

This proposed reassignment of spectrum, allocated to the Amateur Radio Service, will make it difficult to modernize the communications tools and systems our licensed operators need to handle emergency and public service traffic, as mandated by Part 97.1 of the FCC rules governing our service.

Amateur Radio has served the United States and our citizens as a proving ground for many new communications technologies. Erosion of our spectrum will undermine the ability of our operators to continue such innovation.

Some would argue the proposed use of this spectrum for so-called G3 commercial cellular services is more important to the general welfare of the American public. Yet, time and time again, commercial cellular and PCS services have clearly demonstrated significant vulnerability to service interruptions from natural and manmade events, including severe weather, aircraft disasters, large scale fires, earthquakes and more. The sheer weight of millions of potential commercial users has caused these systems to collapse under their own operating overhead. It is the licensed and skilled operators of the Amateur Radio Service that have time and time again, provided the needed conduit for emergency traffic.

There exists sufficient other RF spectrum to operate G3 cellular or any other commercial service. I strongly urge you to maintain the existing Amateur Radio allocation for 2390 MHz - 2400 MHz.

Respectfully submitted,

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